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In re application of Jacqueline HEARD *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/533,029

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Title: TRANSGENIC PLANTS COMPRISING  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING TRANSCRIPTION  
FACTORS THAT CONFER DISEASE TOLERANCE

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) Art Unit: 1638

) **RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed January 8, 2003 (Paper No. 25), and regarding the above-referenced application, please consider and make of record the following amendments and remarks. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

This response is being filed prior to or on June 9, 2003, the deadline for filing with the instant extensions falling on Sunday June 8, 2003. Applicants have previously requested a one (1) month extension of time, and hereby request an additional (1) month extension of time, thereby allowing Applicants until Monday, June 9, 2003, to respond.

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